



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: June 29, 2011
ATTENTION: Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee
SUBJECT: San Diego Youth Commission Annual Update

REQUESTED ACTION:
Informational Item

SUMMARY:

The San Diego Youth Commission has participated in many events and has worked hard to do what is right in our communities. As it is our job to represent the views of the youth in the City of San Diego, we have also created ways to create connections with them, be it through working in the community or setting up Facebook group pages to be easily accessible.

We have worked, in conjunction with Roosevelt, to have speakers attend our meetings to make sure that all of our questions are answered and that we are well informed. Not only have we had presentations from those in City Hall, but we have also hosted community members, such as San Diego Policemen and leaders from other organizations in San Diego that share the common goal of working for the betterment of our youth.

We have discussed topics that especially pertain to us, such as the curfew ordinance. After getting many different perspectives on the issue, we created a PowerPoint that represented the two sides and touched on our own opinions as well.

The San Diego Youth Commission also does our best to make ourselves more visible in the community, especially through City functions. We have attended the Mayor's State of the City Address and a budget forum in the Fourth District. On the other hand, we also care about volunteering and community events. We participated in an Easter Egg Hunt at the Salvation Army last year and had a great time interacting with the children.

Our members are also involved in other large-scale projects in the community and have brought in the Youth Commission to help. Caitlin Snell planned a Community Leadership Workshop in which other commissioners volunteered and Roosevelt spoke. Also, Briana Sotelo planned the "She Is" Young Women's Conference in which I was a speaker. The Youth Commission not only provides support for our members to excel and help the community, but it provides opportunities to get all commissioners involved and create connections.

In the future, we hope to fundraise, do more community service, and gain more visibility. We hope to work more closely with City Hall and to host youth forums to spread the importance of public service.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

None

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Council President Tony Young

Youth Commission Chair, Henrietta
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Youth Commission Vice Chair, Roger Li